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1. (Original) An image data capture device for editing captured image data, the device comprising:

at least one image data capture element;

an image data processor for generating an image file from image data acquired by said capture element; and

a user data entry device for enabling a user to modify said generated image file, wherein said at least said one image data capture element, said image data processor, said user data entry device are disposed within a portable container.

- 2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said image data capture element is included in a digital camera.
- 3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said image data capture element is included in a scanner.
 - 4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device comprises: a pressure-sensitive tablet.
 - 5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device comprises: an electromagnetically coupled pen and writing surface.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device comprises:

means for entering text annotation data into said generated image file.

7. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device comprises:

means for entering graphical annotation data into said generated image file.

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8. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising: means for entering image file processing instructions to said device.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising:

means for converting handwritten user entries employing said user data entry device into machine recognizable data.

- 10. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device enables superimposition of user data entry on a display of an image file of said generated image files.
- 11. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device enables annotation of said generated image files by direction.
 - 12. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising: a communication interface for coupling said device to a network.
- 13. (Original) A method for annotating information in an image capture device, the method comprising the steps of:

capturing image data within said image capture device;

receiving user-entered data in connection with selected captured ones of said image data; annotating said selected ones of said captured image data with said received user-entered data; and

performing said steps of capturing, receiving, and annotating within a portable assembly.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 comprising the further step of: providing a network interface within said portable assembly.

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15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said annotating step comprises the steps of:

displaying a first image file of selected captured image data;
superimposing said user-entered data on said displayed first image file; and
providing a continuously updated display of said first image file as modified by said userentered data.

- 16. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of: electronically mailing said annotated selected ones of said at least one image files to at least one recipient, said recipient specified in said annotating step.
 - 17. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of: saving said annotated selected ones of said image data.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said step of saving comprises the step of:

transmitting said annotated selected ones of said image data over a public network to a node on said public network.

19. (Original) An optical scanner comprising:

means for capturing image data;

means for displaying selected image data;

means for receiving user-entered data in connection with said selected image data;

means for interpreting said received user-entered data;

means for superimposing said received user-entered data on said displayed selected image data; and

means for annotating said displayed selected image data with said superimposed received user-entered data.

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20. (Original) The optical scanner of claim 19 further comprising:

a communication interface for enabling said optical scanner to communicate over a data

communication network, under at least partial control of said means for annotating.

21. (Original) The optical scanner of claim 19 wherein the means for receiving comprises:

means for receiving handwritten graphical data.

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